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PARIS FOR O'CONNOR PASS MRS. PHILLIPS

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SUBJECT: ITU: MEETING WITH SECRETARY GENERAL MILI
RE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

REF: STATE 102678

1. IN MEETING WITH TELATT ON APRIL 24, ITU SECRETARY
GENERAL MILI DISCUSSED FOLLOWING MATTERS:

A. BUDGET: HE ANNOUNCED THAT REFIGURING BUDGET
FOR 1979 WARC AND OTHER ITU CONFERENCES ON BASIS OF
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LATEST INFO SUBMITTED BY MEMBER STATES HAD LED TO REDUC-
TION OF SF 1.9 MILLION IN 1979 BUDGET. ACCORDINGLY
REVISED BUDGET FOR 1979 WILL NOW BE SF 200,000 UNDER
CEILING RATHER THAN SF 1.7 MILLION OVER CEILING AS SHOWN
IN DOC. 5170.

B. SLATES: MILI IS NOW PROPOSING FOLLOWING SLATES

FOR 1978 ADMIN COUNCIL SESSION:

- CHAIRMAN: VENHAUS (FRG)
- VICE CHAIRMAN: JIPGUEP (CAMEROONS)
- CHAIRMAN COMITE 1: HERNANDEZ (MEXICO)
- VICE CHAIRMAN COMITE 1: KATONA-KIS (HUNGARY)
- CHAIRMAN COMITE 2: EL AOUD (MOROCCO)
- VICE CHAIRMAN COMITE 2: RAHBERG (SWEDEN)
- CHAIRMAN, COMITE 3: PHILLIPS (U.S.)
- VICE CHAIRMAN, COMITE 3: SRIRANGAN (INDIA)

HE NOTED THAT CONTRARY TO OTHER REPORTS, EL AOUD STRONGLY DESIRES COMMITTEE 2 CHAIRMANSHIP AND MILI'S SOUNDINGS INDICATE WESTERN EUROPEANS WOULD ACCEPT VICE CHAIRMANSHIP BECAUSE THEY DESIRE SEAT ON STEERING COMMITTEE RATHER THAN COMMITTEE 2 CHAIRMANSHIP PER SE. RE AFRICAN VICE CHAIRMANSHIP OF COUNCIL AND CHAIRMANSHIP OF COMMITTEE 3, MILI HAD ASKED AOUD TO DISCUSS THIS WITH JIPGUEP. CONCERNING OTHER POSSIBLE AFRICANS FOR COUNCIL VICE CHAIRMANSHIP, HE CONFIRMED THAT AFRICANS HAD DECIDED TO SUPPORT A FRANCOPHONE AND THAT DIONE (SENEGAL) WOULD NOT RETURN TO COUNCIL SINCE HE HAS LEFT HIS ADMINISTRATION. THIS LEAVES ONLY JIPGUEP AND MPEMBELE (ZAIRE) WHOM MILI CHARACTERIZED AS "NOT A GOOD MAN."

C. DATE OF NEXT PLENIPOTENTIARY: MILI'S DISCUSSION
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WITH KENYANS INDICATE THAT THEY ARE FLEXIBLE ABOUT DATES. THEY ONLY WISHED REASSURANCE THAT THEY WOULD NOT LOSE HOSTSHIP. KENYANS EVIDENTLY WORRIED OVER FACT THAT THEY HAVE HAD RECENT FALLING OUT WITH TANZANIANS AND THAT LATTER MIGHT WISH TO CAUSE KENYANS DIFFICULTIES COUPLED WITH FACT THAT TANZANIANS ARE MEMBER OF ADMIN COUNCIL AND KENYA IS NOT. MILI REASSURED THEM THAT KENYAN INVITATION WAS ACCEPTED BY ACCLAMATION AT 1973 PLENIPOT. AND THERE WAS NO CHANCE THAT COUNCIL WOULD OVERTURN THIS DECISION. RE DATE, MILI HAS NO PERSONAL PREFERENCE BUT HE WOULD LIKE COUNCIL TO DISCUSS MATTER AT THIS SESSION AND COME UP WITH SOME DECISION -- IF ONLY A DECISION TO CONSIDER DATE AT SOME FUTURE SESSION.

2. MILI INVITED MRS. PHILLIPS TO MEET WITH HIM AT HIS OFFICE AT 11:30 A.M., WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, WHICH WILL BE FOLLOWED BY LUNCH IN HER HONOR AT 12:30 P.M. TELATT ACCEPTED ON BEHALF OF U.S. REP. VANDEN HEUVEL

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